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- 1. PERM REP AND PERM DEL. SUPPORT AND ENDORSE RE-COMMENDATIONS REFTEL AND THOSE MADE IN TELEPHONE CON-VERSATION BETWEEN CHAIRMAN US DEL. UPTON AND ASST. SECRETARY BUFFUM.
- 2. PERM REP ADDS FOLLOWING ANALYSIS:

(A) BUDGET IS INDEED POLITICAL ISSUE AND SHOULD BE JUDGED AS SUCH. US VOTE AGAINST WILL ACCOMPLISH NOTHING IN BUDGETARY TERMS AND WE WILL LOSE STATURE AT GEN. CONF. AS BUDGET VOTE COMES EARLY, NEGATIVE US STAND WILL ADVERSELY EFFECT US POSTURE ON ALL OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE. BUDGET CANNOT BE TAKEN IN ISOLATION BUT MUST BE VIEWED IN CONTEXT OF TOTAL CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES.

(B) UNESCO PROGRAMS ARE VIEWED AS VALUABLE AND IMPORTANT TO LDC'S AND TO MANY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LDC'S ARE SERIOUS IN THEIR SUPPORT OF UNESCO.

REPRESENTATIVES AT CONFERENCE ARE FROM IMPORTANT SECTORS AND PUBLICS WHICH CAN EXERT INFLUENCE ON ALL ASPECTS BI-LATERAL FOREIGN POLICIES AND SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN LIGHTLY.

- (C) INTERDEPENDENCE: US POSITION ON BUDGET WHICH SUSTAINS IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION WILL BE VIEWED AS TEST OF SINCERITY OF US DESIRE FOR GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE. LDC'S SKEPTICAL CONCEPT INTERDEPENDENCE AND ANXIOUS EVIDENCE US MEANS WHAT IT SAYS. MANY SAY US DEFINITION INTERDEPENDENCE MEANS ONLY COOPERATION WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHILE OPPOSING LEGITIMATE WISHES LDC'S. ALL LDC'S STRONGLY SUPPORT UNESCO AND PARTICULARLY SUPPORT ITS BUDGET. BEST EVIDENCE IS THAT US VOTE AGAINST WOULD LIKELY BE SOLE VOTE OUT OF 134 MEMBER STATES. NEGATIVE STANCE WOULD DO MUCH UNDERMINE US PUBLIC STANCE INTERDEPENDENCE.
- (D) IN BUDGET TERMS, GROWTH RATE REDUCTION TO 3 PERCENT VIEWED AS MAJOR CONCESSION AND GENUINE EFFORT BEING MADE SEEK ECONOMIES. UNLESS 169.9 LEVEL ADOPTED, ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO MOVE TO 173 OR 174; NO POSSIBILITY LOWER FIGURE. DEP. DIRECTOR GENERAL FOBES FIRMLY CONVINCED IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS THAT ALL REASONABLE EFFORTS NOW BEING MADE EFFECT ECONOMIES. IRWIN

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